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Foreign Minister took initiative at reception last night in raising subject of Khosroabad. Said he had heard LSM had proceeded to Gulf without Iraqi pilot and under Iranian naval escort. He considered this provocative action and hoped it would not happen again.

I explained ship had sailed under Iranian Government orders which company had to obey since it was operating in Iran and was in partnership with NIOC. I devoutly hoped Iraqi authorities would avoid creating incident. Jawad said he had been able keep affair out of press so far but did not know how long he could succeed if there were further movements of this sort.

I reiterated our hope Iraqis and Iranians would talk things over amicably. Foreign Minister said he had spoken to Iranian Ambassador, who had promised communicate with Tehran.

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